

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Jim Barlow, Laurie Colgan and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: The Board added a request to use Old Schoolhouse Gym for indoor soccer, and a complaint about snow being blown into town road. Bobbi gave them a written complaint from Janet Sing about a dog but they did not add it to the agenda, stating that they did not know about it far enough in advance, but Chris agreed to follow up with the Copelands in person on the 20th. Bobbi relayed a question from GMTA regarding whether the commuter bus would be on the warning. The item was not added to the agenda because the warning will be discussed at a later meeting.

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of December 5 and December 12

Internet Service: Jeremy Hansen addressed the Board about community-owned internet service. It would be much faster than the service that is available now. He would create a municipal entity that would include several towns. It would be prohibited from taking tax money from towns, and towns would be insulated from any financial risk. The entity would be able to borrow from the Municipal Bond Bank. The voters would need to approve language at town meeting to allow this, but no money would be required from the Town. Jim moved to put it on the warning for town meeting. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Davis vicious dog: The Selectboard issued an amended order, requiring Vivian to put her dogs in a kennel or keep them on a leash when they are outside. The Town purchased a kennel that she can use temporarily.

Medicare reimbursement request: The Board reviewed the legal opinion that we received. The Board spoke via phone with the attorney to clarify. Bobbi will contact Blue Cross for more information regarding how they count employees. The Board will meet again on the 27th to discuss the issue.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Northeast Kingdom Warrior Soccer Club asked to rent the gym for soccer practice. Bobbi will ask them to provide a certificate of insurance if they have it.

Snow Blowing: The Board sent a letter to Ed Letourneau explaining that it is not legal to blow snow into the road.

Budget discussions: The Selectboard reviewed the draft budget.

Common Level of Appraisal: The Vermont Tax Department notified the Town that our common level of appraisal is 91.35%, down from 93.96% last year.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved a liquor license for Rivers Edge Quick Stop

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
